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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 27, 2009 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement was mailed on February 27, 2009. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner identified three distinct species of the generic invention. In particular, the Examiner identified: Species A (Figures 1-2); Species B (Figures 3A-3B and 4); and Species C (Figures 5A-5B).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to pursue Species A (Figures 1-2). Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are readable on this species.

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Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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